



BERRIEN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
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WHEREAS, Forrest (Nick) Jewell was born on June 23, 1929 in Berrien County; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Benton Harbor High School, attended college, and served two years in the military before beginning a life in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, he worked for 12 years in the Berrien County Sheriff's Office, eight of those years as a command officer, before defeating the incumbent Sheriff and becoming the Berrien County Sheriff on January 1, 1969; and

WHEREAS, on the campaign trail, Jewell said that he aimed to open a sub-station on the South end of the County, re-establish the junior deputy program, secure a lie detector for the department, add a Chief to the Detective Division, work to prevent the loss of officers to the private sector, and arrange for extended training for all of his officers; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Jewell accomplished that and then some – adding a narcotics lab, crime lab, bomb squad, and a greatly improved communications system to the department; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding law enforcement officer, Sheriff Jewell remained in office until he retired November 1, 1991 after 23 years as Sheriff and 36 years overall in the field; and

WHEREAS, beyond the badge, he was a dedicated family man, dedicated to his Church, and dedicated to his community; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 92, the man who will forever be known as Sheriff Jewell, passed away over the weekend, leaving behind a legacy that will live on in his family and the law enforcement community forever.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners remembers and honors Sheriff Forrest (Nick) Jewell for being a true asset to the citizens of Berrien County and sends their condolences to his family during their time of grief.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sheriff Jewell's life, actions, and contributions reflect most favorably upon himself, his family, the Berrien County Sheriff's Office, the County of Berrien, the State of Michigan, and the United States of America.

**RESPECTFULLY,
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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